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1. NEWSPAPERS

HEARST-BALTIMORE NEWS AMERICAN DID NOT ARRIVE IN MAIL.

2. WIRES

UPI (DANILOFF) HAK BEGAN ARMS LIMITATION TALKS WITH BREZHNEV, URGING SOV RESTRAINT IN ANGOLA. BREZHNEV WAS PUBLICLY EVASIVE ON ISSUE, BUT WAS EXPECTED TO REJECT HAK'S OBJECTIONS TO SOVIET INTERVENTION.

IT WAS HOPED FORMULAS FOR LIMITING DEPLOYMENT OF US AND SOVIET CRUISE MISSILES WOULD BE WORKED OUT, U.S. DELEGATION OFFICIALS SAID, AS WELL AS RESTRAINTS FOR SOVIET BACKFIRE BOMBERS.

ACCORDING TO U.S. OFFICIALS, MORNING SESSION COVERED ARMS LIMITATION AND ANGOLA, WHILE EVENING SESSION WAS DEVOTED TO

ARMS LIMITATION.

A SENIOR U.S. OFFICIAL SAID SOVS WERE TRYING HARD TO FIND WAY OUT OF STALEMATE AND BREZHNEV'S ATTITUDE WAS ENCOURAGING BUT IT IS PREMATURE TO PREDICT AGREEMENT IN PRINCIPLE BY FRIDAY. OBSERVERS PRESUMED CONSTRUCTIVE ATTITUDE ON BREZHNEV'S PART INVOLVED BACKFIRE BOMBER.

HAK WAS UNDERSTOOD TO BELIEVE BREZHNEV WOULD CALL FULL POLITBURO MEETING THURSDAY TO REVIEW PROGRESS IN NEGOTIATIONS.

THERE WAS NO SIGN OF IMMEDIATE BREAKTHROUGH ON ANGOLAN ISSUE.

AP (SCHWEID) REPORTS BREZHNEV OPTIMISTIC ABOUT ARMS ACCORD AT OPENING OF MORNING SESSION BUT AFTER MEETING HAK WAS MORE SOMBER. HE SAID BOTH SIDES OUGHT TO ASK THEMSELVES WHETHER THEY WOULD PERMIT TECHNICAL ISSUES TO STAND IN WAY OF AN AGREEMENT LEADING TO SECOND SALT TREATY. HAK HOPED TO WRAP UP AN AGREEMENT IN PRINCIPLE BY FRIDAY.

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HAK ALSO HOPED TO USE ARMS TALKS TO PERSUADE BREZHNEV TO HALT SOVIET SUPPORT OF MPLA BUT INDICATIONS WERE THAT HE WAS HAVING LITTLE LUCK SO FAR.

EVENING LEAD: U.S. OFFICIALS SAID NEGOTIATIONS FOR NEW ARMS TREATY MOVED AHEAD AS BREZHNEV MODERATED SOVIET POSITION ON TWO KEY ISSUES STILL IN DISPUTE. A U.S. PARTICIPANT SAID THAT WHILE SOVS GAVE POSITIVE, ADDITIONAL IDEAS, A BREAKTHROUGH COULD NOT BE TAKEN FOR GRANTED.

U.S. OFFICIALS SAID MOVEMENT TOWARD COMPROMISE CENTERED ON BACKFIRE BOMBER AND CRUISE MISSILE.

REUTERS (NELSON) - REPORTS ON LUNCHEON TOASTS LEADING WITH SOVS PLEDGE TO HONOR ITS ARMS AGREEMENTS WITH U.S. AND URGING HAK TO RESIST AMERICAN CHARGES THAT IT WAS CHEATING. MR. GROMYKO'S REMARKS WERE BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN PROMPTED BY KREMLIN CONCERN THAT SALT AGREEMENT COULD BE SUBJECT OF NEW POLITICAL ATTACKS IN ELECTION YEAR.

EVENING LEAD: U.S. OFFICIALS REPORTED PROGRESS TOWARD BREAKTHROUGH IN TALKS AIMED AT CLINCHING NEW NUCLEAR ARMS PACT. BREZHNEV AND HAK EXCHANGED MODIFICATIONS OF THEIR PROPOSALS FOR COMPROMISE ON BACKFIRE BOMBERS AND CRUISE MISSILES. BREZHNEV GAVE RESPONSE TO U.S. PROPOSAL FOR COMPROMISE SUBMITTED LAST WEEK AND HAK CAME UP WITH NEW IDEAS BUILDING ON SOV SUGGESTIONS. COMPROMISE THAT APPEARED TO BE EMERGING WOULD COUNT NEITHER BACKFIRE NOR CRUISE MISSILE IN 2400 CEILING BUT WOULD RESTRICT THEIR DEPLOYMENT AND RANGE.

WHILE THERE WAS PROGRESS, U.S. OFFICIALS COULD NOT PREDICT A BREAKTHROUGH WOULD DEFINITELY BE ACHIEVED ON QUESTION.

TELEVISION

1. ABC EVENING NEWS - REASONER: IN MOSCOW, SECRETARY KISSINGER HAS COMPLETED FIRST DAY OF HIS TALKS WITH RUSSIAN LEADERS ON SCOPE OF STRATEGIC ARMS. HAK ALSO BROUGHT UP SUBJECT OF ANGOLA, WARNING SOVS NOT TO TAKE UNILATERAL ADVANTAGE THERE, OR U.S. MIGHT DO SOMETHING SOMEWHERE ELSE. ACCORDING TO A REPORT, HOWEVER, RUSSIANS SEEMED UNIMPRESSED. THAT IS KIND OF DOUBLE-LAYERED COMPLICATION ABC'S CORRESPONDENT KOPPEL DISCUSSES IN SECOND OF THREE ANALYSES ON DETENTE (BEING SENT SEPTIEL). (NO DUNSMORE)

2. NBC NIGHTLY NEWS -

CHANCELLOR: IN MOSCOW TODAY SECRETARY KISSINGER AND SOVIET LEADER BREZHNEV BEGAN THEIR NEW ROUND OF TALKS ON LIMITATION OF STRATEGIC NUCLEAR WEAPONS, CALLED SALT II TALKS. THEY TALKED ABOUT WAR IN ANGOLA AND THERE IS LITTLE DOUBT THAT BEFORE THEY ARE THROUGH THEY WILL TALK ABOUT LEBANON, AS WELL. BUT FOR TODAY, NUCLEAR WEAPONS AND ANGOLA WERE MAIN TOPICS.

VALERIANI: BREZHNEV LOOKED ROBUST AS HE BOUNDED INTO KREMLIN MEETING ROOM. HE WORE AN ELECTRIC BLUE SUIT WITH HERO OF SOV UNION MEDALS ON HIS CHEST. HIS APPEARANCE BELIED ALL RUMORS ABOUT HIS POOR HEALTH. BREZHNEV GREETED HAK WITH A HANDSHAKE, THEN WELCOMED ALL OTHER MEMBERS OF

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U.S. DELEGATION. FOR FIRST TIME AMERICAN SIDE INCLUDED A WEAPONS EXPERT FROM PENTAGON, JAMES WADE. HIS PRESENCE UNDERLINED DIFFERENCES THAT HAD EXISTED WITHIN FORD ADMINISTRATION UP TO NOW ON PROPER AMERICAN NEGOTIATING POSITION.

BREZHNEV, IN GOOD HUMOR, BANTERED WITH HAK AND AMERICAN NEWSMEN. BUT HE DECLINED TO EVALUATE PROSPECTS FOR A NEW ARMS AGREEMENT. WHEN ASKED ABOUT ANGOLA, BREZHNEV SAID "I DON'T HAVE ANY QUESTIONS ABOUT ANGOLA. IT'S NOT MY COUNTRY." BUT HAK BROKE IN TO SAY EMPHATICALLY, "IT WILL CERTAINLY BE DISCUSSED."

ON ANGOLA, HAK DOES NOT APPEAR TO BE BARGAINING FROM A POSITION OF STRENGTH. BUT HE IS REPORTEDLY TRYING TO PRESSURE RUSSIANS INTO CHANGING THEIR POLICY BY WARNING THAT OTHERWISE U.S. MIGHT EXCLUDE THEM FROM FUTURE ME DIPLOMACY OR MIGHT EVEN CALL OFF PROJECTED FORD/BREZHNEV SUMMIT IN WASHINGTON NEXT SPRING.

LATER HAK WAS GUEST OF HONOR AT A LUNCHEON GIVEN BY FM GROMYKO. BUT NEITHER MAN HAD MUCH TO SAY ABOUT NEGOTIATIONS. IN HIS TOAST, HAK REFERRED OBLIQUELY TO ANGOLA AGAIN SAYING THAT SUPERPOWERS MUST SHOW RESTRAINT AND RESPECT FOR EACH OTHERS INTERESTS AND MUST AVOID CRISIS SITUATIONS IF THERE IS TO BE STABLE WORLD ORDER.

3. CBS EVENING NEWS - CRONKITE: SOVIET PARTY LEADER BREZHNEV MADE HIS FIRST PUBLIC APPEARANCE IN A MONTH TODAY MEETING IN MOSCOW WITH HAK. PURPOSE OF KREMLIN NEGOTIATIONS IS TO BREAK STRATEGIC ARMS STALEMATE BUT SUBJECT OF ANGOLA ALSO CAME UP.

KALB: OPENING WAS PURE DIPLOMATIC THEATER -- A HANDSHAKE FOR CAMERAS FOLLOWED BY SELF-CONSCIOUS SMALL TALK. IF KISSINGER FELT HE WAS NEGOTIATING WITH A HAND WEAKENED BY POLICY DEFEATS IN VN AND ANGOLA AND BY A CONGRESS CHALLENGING VARIOUS ASPECTS OF HIS FOREIGN POLICY, HE DID NOT SHOW IT. BUT JUST BELOW SOVIET/AMERICAN BANTER WERE CLASHING VIEWS ON A VARIETY OF ISSUES. AND THESE DIFFERENCES SURFACED WHEN A REPORTER ASKED WHETHER TWO SIDES WOULD ALSO DISCUSS ANGOLA.

"I HAVE NO QUESTIONS ABOUT ANGOLA, BREZHNEV REPLIED. ANGOLA IS NOT MY COUNTRY." A CHALLENGE--HAK INTERJECTED, "IT CERTAINLY WILL BE DISCUSSED." WHICH PROMPTED BREZHNEV TO QUIP, "I WILL DISCUSS IT WITH THE AMERICANS. THAT WILL INSURE COMPLETE AGREEMENT."

AS FOR SALT, BREZHNEV WAS AS CAUTIOUS AS HAK IN NOT

MAKING ANY PUBLIC PREDICTION ABOUT THE OUTCOME OF THESE NEGOTIATIONS. BUT HE MADE IT CLEAR HE WAS READY TO SUMMIT WITH PRESIDENT FORD IN WASHINGTON, IF A SALT AGREEMENT EMERGES.

AFTER THREE HOURS OF TALKS, A LUNCH AT THE FOREIGN MINISTRY VILLA, WHERE HAK DID DISCLOSE THAT ANGOLA DID MAKE THE MORNING AGENDA. GROMYKO CONFINED HIMSELF TO SALT IN SISTING THAT BOTH SIDES WERE IN THE PRELIMINARIES OF NEGOTIATIONS. IN HIS LUNCHEON TALKS, HAK EMPHASIZED THE URGENCY OF REACHING A SALT AGREEMENT. HE ALSO INDIRECTLY CALLED ON THE RUSSIANS TO SHOW RESTRAINT IN ANGOLA.

AFTER A 90 MINUTE AFTERNOON MEETING, U.S. OFFICIALS DISCLOSED THIS EVENING THERE HAS BEEN SOME FORWARD MOVEMENT IN THE NEGOTIATIONS, THAT THE SOVIET ATTITUDE IS POSITIVE, BUT THAT IT IS PREMATURE TO SAY WHETHER AN AGREEMENT WILL BE REACHED. TOMORROW'S MEETINGS ARE REGARDED AS CRUCIAL IN DETERMINING THE OUTCOME OF THIS KISSINGER MISSION TO MOSCOW.

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